

THE SAN DOMINGO QUARREL.

Open War between the President and Sumner—A Disagreeable Senatorial Debate—The Political Results of Presenting the San Domingo Job—Revolution in the Republican Party—Forney Retires in Disgrace—The Georgia Election—Cameron's Mission South a Failure—No Cabinet Changes Probable at Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1870. The week just closed will be marked as one of the most memorable of Grant's administration. It has made the breach between the President and some of the ablest and most influential members of his party not only tangible and positive, but to all appearances irreconcilable. The war with Sumner partakes of the fiercest type of bitterness, and it has made many hitherto neutrals take their bearings and declare for or against the coercive policy of the President. The disorganization in the Senate, under the lead of Sumner, Patterson, and Schurz, and soon to be limited in the House by Farnsworth, Logan, and others, is not inspired so much by hostility to the acquisition of San Domingo as by the strange and imperious tactics of political fidelity made by the administration. No Senator would have quarrelled with the President because he proposed and advised the annexation of San Domingo; but the ablest and most respected Republican Senators feel compelled to resist a measure that looks to the acquisition of territory by a violent policy that ignores the Senate as part of the treaty-making power. President Grant urged the ratification of the treaty annexing San Domingo during the last session. He went even so far as to call upon Senators at their rooms, and to lobby with them at the Capitol, to persuade them to support the measure. But after the fullest investigation of the subject the Senate rejected the treaty, and there it was supposed the effort would end. It was then that Butler's peculiar statesmanship came into play. He shines most when there is no regular or honest way of attaining a desired end, and he promptly came to the relief of defunct San Domingo. He found a precedent in the violent action of the Democratic party in the annexation of Texas, and he spawned the resolution of annexation, whereby a two-thirds vote in the Senate was obviated. In an evil moment the President accepted the Butler programme, and thereby made a most dangerous assault upon the prerogative of the Senate. That such men as Sumner, Ferry, Buckingham, Schurz, Trumbull, Carpenter and others should feel like rescuing such an attempt at usurpation was most natural, and Sumner would not tolerate even for a moment the invasion of the powers of the Senate. The preliminary struggle came off on Morton's resolution for a roving commission to inquire into the people, resources, climate, etc., of the proposed purchase—measure free from grave objections, but Sumner accepted the skirmish as the beginning of the grand battle, and the debate developed some most disgraceful scenes. Chandler and Conkling were the leaders of the crusade against Sumner, and the latter showed great aptness in imitating the arrogance and buffoonery of the former. Insolent threats were made on the floor of the Senate that Sumner would be forced to vacate the chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations—a position he has held for ten years—and the most disgusting personalities were indulged in by some of the Senators. After a Senatorial brawl lasting until daylight, the resolution was passed with but a few dissenting votes.

The vote on Morton's resolution has been proclaimed as a great administration victory; but all intelligent observers well know that it is but the beginning of a political storm of fearful magnitude and power, and an organized opposition to the administration inside of the Republican party is the substantial result of the victory which such men as Chandler, Butler, Cameron, etc., swagger about so much. Whether San Domingo, with its semi-savage people, its internal revolutions, and its unknown and estimated debt, should be made part of our territory, is not the question. It may or may not be wise to annex the island and give it the rights of a Territory, but the statement of the Republican party will not consent to the annexation in any other way than provided by the Constitution and the laws. The Senate is a co-ordinate branch of the treaty-making power, and it could as well surrender its power over treaties. The President recognized the rights of the Senate in the attempt to receive San Domingo by treaty, but when that failed, it was misled by the known and notorious "jobbers" of Congress—the Camerons and other "jobbers" of the Senate, and the Butlers and Chase of the House—to invade the prerogatives of the Senate and annex the island in defiance of the constitutional power of the Senate. This has made open and implacable war between the President and Sumner, and has estranged many of the best men from the President. All disinterested and dispassionate men say that San Domingo cannot be so important to the administration or to the country as a united Republican party, and it is a sad misfortune that the President has not the sincere counsels of sincere and intelligent men. The effort to acquire San Domingo in so violent a manner but strengthens the numerous imputations of speculation and fraud in the purchase. None implicate the President in speculations, but it is accepted on all sides that the men about him who are forcing the project must have something more than patriotic motives to drive the administration into a bitter war with its own friends. Before adjourning, the following speeches were pronounced. The following sentiments were proposed and responded to by the gentlemen named:—

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PROBABLE HOMICIDE.—A LAD SHOT BY A PRIVATE IN THE ARMY ON Sunday afternoon a lad named George H. Furey, whose parents reside on Wharton street, above Front, was shot by Frank McLaughran, who is in the employ of Morris & Co., as private watchman, at their coal wharf, foot of Dickinson street. First ward. Urruly boys have frequently congregated on this wharf and in the neighborhood thereof, on Sunday afternoons, to indulge in throwing stones at each other, thereby annoying the watchman and other peaceably-disposed citizens. It is said that on former occasions these "stone fights," the watchman threatened to shoot some of the boys if they did not desist, but none of them seemed to pay any heed to him.

On Sunday afternoon a terrific fight took place among the boys, and stones flew in all directions. The private watchman was assailed, and he procured his pistol, a large navy revolver, and it is said, fired one or two shots in the air to intimidate the boys, but they continued in their reckless conduct, and annoyed him more than ever. He fired a random shot at the crowd, and the ball took effect in the left temple of the lad Furey. It passed downward, and lodged somewhere in his head, two hundred yards distant when he received the wound. Whether he was engaged in throwing stones at the time he was shot was not definitely ascertained. He was removed to his home. The physician does not entertain much hope for the recovery of the lad. McLaughran was taken into custody and locked up in the Second District Station-house. Yesterday he had a hearing before Alderman Kerr, when he was identified by William F. Jones, John P. Edgar, Charles Jones and John Hollman as having shot from four to six times. Physicians also testified to the critical condition of Furey. The prisoner was then committed for a further hearing on Thursday next.

THE PAID FIRE BILL.—A stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire Department was held last evening at the Hall of the Fire Association, Fifth and North streets. Vice-President James McCauley occupied the chair. A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the Mayor to veto the Paid Fire Bill, which was introduced into the House of Representatives on Monday last. The committee consists of John T. Watson, of the West Philadelphia Hose; Samuel B. Savin, of the Northern Liberty Hose; George W. Taylor, of the Liberty Engine, of Holmesburg; George Thompson, of the Good Intent Hose; and Mr. Shultz, of the Marion Hose. In this connection we might here state that at the fire at Trenton avenue and Dauphin street, on Sunday evening last, the firemen took place, during which several persons were injured. The police interfered to preserve the peace, and they were attacked and pretty roughly handled. Being reinforced they overpowered the disorderly characters, and succeeded in making a few arrests. The prisoners were held to bail to answer.

CITY INTELLIGENCE. CHRISTMAS. How the Day was Observed in the City. Yesterday passed off as pleasantly as any Christmas for several years back—indeed, the order and decorum observed during the hours called Christmas Day were the subject of comment not only by our citizens, but at police headquarters, which, but for the fact that at the closing hours of the day were filled with cases of crime of every grade in the calendar. The city is to be congratulated upon the general quiet which reigned yesterday. But few men with tangled legs and displaying a propensity to prop up dead walls and lamp-posts were upon the streets. Although there were large crowds upon the prominent thoroughfares, particularly in the afternoon, there was no noise and no confusion. Christmas eve was specially unlike to Christmas eve of years gone by. On Eighth street the difference was well marked. Then you got mashed in no yelling, jostling throngs—saw no women tressed in the air, beheld no hats doused in the gutters or coats riddled with collar. A large posse of policemen lined the thoroughfare, and an order having been issued to arrest all masqueraders or horn blowers, their duties were very light. The churches were closed, the religious ceremonies having been performed on Sunday, when all were filled. The new Church of the Incarnation, at Broad and Jefferson streets, and the new chapel of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, on Locust street, above Fifteenth, were dedicated in the morning with appropriate and solemn exercises.

REPORTERIAL BANQUET. The second annual banquet of the reporters of Philadelphia came off last night at the American Hotel, opposite the State House, and was, without exception, the finest it has ever been open to the city. The number of reporters, numbering some thirty odd, there were at least twenty-seven present. These gentlemen, prior to entering the banquet hall, were hospitably entertained by Mr. Charles McSherry, the general superintendent of the hotel, in the reading-room of that large establishment. At 9 o'clock the reporterial corps marched in couples to the festive board, which excelled anything of the kind ever before attempted. The table was loaded down with sumptuous things, and the music was necessary to say that full justice was done on the occasion. The bill of fare included all the delicacies of the season, and game of all kinds was in abundance. In preparing the bill of fare Mr. Hewlins, the proprietor of the hotel, had called to his aid the best cooks in the city, and the result of their labors was shown in the splendid banquet spread before the newspaper men last night. The table presented an artistic appearance, and the decorations were of an attractive and handsome character. Baskets of flowers, pyramids of macaroni, oranges, etc., added to the embellishment of the festive board. Mr. Joseph L. Fortescue, one of the oldest reporters in Philadelphia, presided at the table. At the word of command the reporterial corps company proceeded to partake of the good things set before them. At about ten o'clock the tables were removed, and then the "champy" which was on hand in large quantities, was brought into requisition, and a season of merriment, speech-making, etc., was commenced. The following sentiments were proposed and responded to by the gentlemen named:—

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CONDEMNED. John Hanlon Condemned to Death—His Death Warrant Read to him by Sheriff Leeds—February 1st Fixed for the Execution—His Total Indifference to his Fate—His Interview with the Sheriff, Etc.

The next to the last act in the case of John Hanlon, convicted of the murder of little Mary Mohrman, was performed this morning in his cell at Moyamensing Prison, in the presence of the Sheriff, Sheriff Leeds, and other gentlemen whose official duties called them thither, the Sheriff deeming that this solemn act should take place in the presence of as few people as the circumstances rendered necessary. It was concerning, in an official shape, the information to Hanlon that the date of his execution had been fixed by Governor Geary for February 1, 1871. Never have we seen a man in the same position, and we have seen many, who were so indifferent to the dread announcement that he was to suffer the full penalty of his crime by being "hanged by the neck until dead," but more of that anon.

Yesterday William R. Leeds, High Sheriff of Philadelphia, received from the Secretary of the Department of Prisons, the death warrant. He immediately notified his counsel, Hon. Charles Gilpin, that the document would be served on the condemned man this morning. At a few minutes past 11 o'clock, the Sheriff, Mr. Gilpin, and two representatives of the afternoon press, one of whom was the reporter of this Evening TELEGRAPH, left the office of Mr. Gilpin and arrived at the Moyamensing Prison a few minutes after that hour. They were received at the gate of the prison by Superintendent William R. Perkins, who escorted them to his headquarters. On inquiry, it was ascertained by the Sheriff that the two Mrs. Kelly, sisters of Hanlon, were in consultation with him. The superintendent then notified these ladies of what was to transpire, and they adjourned to the Warden's office. The party, consisting of Sheriff Leeds, Counselor Gilpin, Superintendent Perkins, P. E. Carroll, Esq., junior counsel for Hanlon, and the reporter of this Evening TELEGRAPH, proceeded to the condemned cell, that occupied by Probst, Winemore, and Williams. The door was opened, and the party entered. At the time, Hanlon, dressed in the prison garb, was standing, legs crossed, and his arms tucked in the armpits, leaning against a small table, the most unconcerned of all those there assembled. His indifference struck those who had witnessed such scenes previously as being of the most remarkable character. There was no anxiety, no remorse, no pleading, no prayer, no supplication, and no appeal, as the Sheriff Leeds by Superintendent Perkins. It was undoubtedly a surprise to him, as subsequent facts will develop, but, in our opinion, it would have made no difference in him, as he is undoubtedly the most firm-nerved man we have ever known under similar circumstances. He had a quid of tobacco in his mouth, and on being introduced turned around and walked to a bucket in the front of his room, into which he spat before he received the extended hand of the Sheriff, who he had shaken his hand prior to this. (This is accounted for on the fact that the Sheriff was the first to enter the cell, and Mr. Perkins the last.) Sheriff Leeds then stated to Hanlon that he had received his death warrant from Governor Geary, and that he was to be hanged by the neck until dead on the 1st of February next. Mr. Gilpin then read the warrant, which is couched in the following language:—

THE DEATH WARRANT. (Signed) JOHN W. GEARY, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, John W. Geary, Governor of the said Commonwealth. Whereas, John W. Geary, High Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, is greeting—Whereas, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the city and county of Philadelphia, at October Term, A. D. 1870, a certain John Hanlon, alias Charles E. Harris, was tried on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1870, and found guilty of murder in the first degree, and was thereupon on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1870, sentenced by the said court, that John Hanlon, alias Charles E. Harris, the prisoner at bar, be taken from hence to the jail of the county of Philadelphia, from whence he came, to stand at the place of execution, and that he be there hanged by the neck until he is dead.

This is to authorize and require you, the said William R. Leeds, High Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, as aforesaid, to cause the sentence of the said Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery to be executed upon the said John Hanlon, alias Charles Hanlon, alias Charles E. Harris, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 12 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 1st day of February, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, in the manner therein directed, and to cause the same to be done, and to certify to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the thirty-first day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty, entitled "An Act to amend an Act, passed on the 21st day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty, in relation to the execution of the laws of this Commonwealth relating to penal proceedings and hearings, and for so doing this shall be your duty, and you are hereby so authorized. Given under my hand and the great seal of this State, at Harrisburg, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and the Commonwealth the Ninety-fifth.

By the Governor, F. JORDAN, Secretary of the Commonwealth. During the reading of this document Hanlon observed the same indifferent air which was manifest on the entrance of the party to the cell. Two or three times did he walk to his spitoon and spit in it, only to resume the same position of nonchalance as spoken of heretofore. On the conclusion of the reading Mr. Gilpin remarked, "John, that is the death-warrant of the Governor, fixing your day of execution." Hanlon, after contemplating Mr. Gilpin some seconds—"That's a lot of jabbering; and that's about all I care for now," he answered strongly and in an argumentative manner. "Why, that's less than thirty days." Sheriff Leeds—"It's a little less than five weeks." Hanlon—"Why, but, they always allow thirty days." Sheriff Leeds—"It's over thirty days." Hanlon—"But they always allow thirty days after a man has been—"

(He did not complete the sentence, but evidently intended those present to understand that he was not to be hanged on the 1st of February.) Sheriff Leeds—"Do you have all the comforts you want?" Hanlon—"Oh, yes; I have all that." Superintendent Perkins then explained that he was in his custody until the day of the execution, when he handed him over to the Sheriff. Hanlon (to Sheriff Leeds)—"What do you mean when you asked me if I had all I wanted?" Sheriff Leeds—"I mean all you eat, etc." Hanlon—"Oh, yes; I have all that." Sheriff Leeds—"I am anxious that you shall receive all the comforts you want." Hanlon—"Well, I want my wife to see me every day in the cell. She only is allowed here now once a week." Mr. Perkins—"That's with the Inspectors. The rule is not allow her to come once in ten days, but they have yielded to once a week, and I don't think they will permit her any oftener." Hanlon—"I only want her. I don't want any body else to come here that often, and I think it might be the same if I were granted as they granted Eaton and Twitchell. Their friends called on them every day, and were admitted to their cells." Mr. Perkins—"You are mistaken." Hanlon—"No, am not. I know." Mr. Perkins—"Well, that matter rests with the Inspectors." Hanlon—"I don't ask too much. They allowed Eaton's friends to see him daily." Sheriff Leeds—"Well, I'll speak to the Inspectors about your wife." Mr. Perkins—"You see your relatives as often as any of the others who have been condemned to death." Hanlon (angrily)—"No, I don't." Mr. Perkins—"Yes, you do."

Hanlon—"Why, you wouldn't allow my sisters to come in this halling." Mr. Carroll (his counsel)—"The Twitchell matter settled that. Twitchell committed suicide, you know." Hanlon scornfully—"I'm no Twitchell; I'm not committing suicide." Sheriff Leeds—"I'll see the inspectors about the matter." A lull then ensued, during which Hanlon maintained the same indifference, only varying his position occasionally, in order to spit out the tobacco juice which had collected since he had spat.

Finally, Sheriff Leeds broke the silence, remarking, "Well, John, that's a short time for you to prepare for death." Hanlon—"Oh, that's plenty of time. All I ask is that I can have my wife in here every day." Superintendent Perkins then explained that every precaution was being taken to prevent a repetition of the *Ande* attending George Twitchell, and that the friends of Hanlon were allowed, whenever they called, to speak to him through the grated door. After waiting a few minutes the party left Hanlon, he shaking each by the hand in turn. We then learned that the condemned man has been extended all the privileges allowed by the rules of the institution. No food or anything else is permitted to be communicated to him by his friends or relatives. Everything is first given to the prison wardens, and, after examination, found tolerable, it is given him. Father Barry, of the Church of the Annunciation, visits him almost daily, and religious ceremonies in the Catholic faith are performed. Hanlon, since his confinement, has engaged himself principally in reading, but he has taken special interest in "John Hanlon" and "Charles Harris" in bold letters upon the sill of his window.

The following is the law with reference to the parties who are admitted to witness executions, which Sheriff Leeds intends to carry out to its full meaning:— Whenever hereafter any person shall be condemned to suffer death by hanging, for any crime of which he shall have been convicted, the punishment shall be inflicted upon him within the walls or yard of the jail of the county in which he shall have been convicted; it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or Coroner of the county to be present at such execution, to which he shall invite the presence of a physician, the district attorney, the county clerk, and twelve reputable citizens, who shall be selected by the Sheriff; and the said Sheriff shall, at the request of the criminal, permit such ministers of the Gospel, not exceeding two, as he may name, and any of his immediate relatives, together with such officers of the prison and such of the Sheriff's deputies as he may desire, to be present at the execution; and it shall be only permitted to the persons above designated to witness the said execution; provided that no person shall be permitted on any account to witness the same.

OPENING OF THE NEW MANNERCHOR HALL.—The new and elegant hall of the Mannerchor Society, at the corner of Franklin and Coates streets, was opened last evening with appropriate ceremonies. Several welcoming songs and choruses were sung by the society, and an appropriate inaugural address was delivered in German by the President, C. H. Camp, Esq. An address in English was delivered by Dr. Gross, in which the career of the Mannerchor Society was briefly reviewed, and the members complimented upon their removal to such beautiful and comfortable new quarters. The festivities of the occasion wound up with a dance, and the large company dispersed well pleased with the whole affair. The new Mannerchor Hall is a substantial three-story brick building with a large hall and a garden attached. The whole of the main building will be devoted to the use of the members of the society, and it is fitted up in very elegant and comfortable style as a club house. Upon the first floor are a ladies' parlor, a reading-room, committee-room, a dining-room, and kitchen. Upon the second floor are a rehearsal hall, a card-room, and a bar. The third floor is fitted up in the most comfortable style as a club house, and contains ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms. The large hall, which is connected with the main edifice by a passage-way, has upon the first floor a billiard-table and bar. The second floor is fitted up as a dancing hall, and with a stage for dramatic performances. This part of the establishment is arranged so that it can be rented out for balls, parties, concerts, and theatrical entertainments, while the main building is used exclusively by the members of the society. The building is fitted up in a style that does credit to the Mannerchor Society and the building committee, which is composed of the following gentlemen:—C. H. Camp, Lawrence Herbert, C. Weikemeyer, and M. Bayersdorfer.

The following gentlemen are a committee upon theatricals, and the stage was erected and decorated under their superintendence:—C. M. Baumann, C. Reis, and M. Brickmann. The Mannerchor will hold its anniversary on the 13th of January, when a more than usually attractive entertainment will be given. The first dramatic performance of the season will be given on January 6th. UNPROVOKED ASSAULTS.—Matthew Hope was taken into custody on Sunday, upon the charge of having committed an unprovoked assault and battery upon Mrs. Holloway, at Thirteenth and Shippen streets. The prisoner had a hearing before Alderman Collins, and was committed for trial. Zachariah Conway is the name of an individual who is alleged to be the "sardent" to a great extent yesterday. He took his stand at Fifteenth and Race streets, and amused himself by assaulting passers-by. Upon two gentlemen he committed a murderous assault, using a black-jack in the effort to accomplish his purpose. He was arrested, and after a hearing before Alderman Jones, was held to bail to answer.

UNFORTUNATE.—On Saturday night a party of disorderly characters found their way into the beer saloon at the S. E. corner of Fifth and Vine streets, and quarrelled with some Germans who were in the place. They destroyed everything of value they could lay their hands upon. Eugene Haman, one of the alleged participants, was arrested and held in \$1000 bail to answer by Alderman Goddard. Yesterday another disorderly gang entered the same place and behaved in a similar manner. James Story, one of the party, was arrested on the occasion. He had a hearing before Alderman Goddard, and was held to bail to answer.

INHUMAN ACTS.—Lawrence Carroll, residing on Edgemont street, above Clearfield, was arrested yesterday upon the charge of beating his wife, and was held to bail by Alderman Nell to answer. James Moran, residing at No. 1111 Carpenter street, was arrested yesterday by beating his mother, for which offense he was arrested and committed by Alderman Massey. Irvin Brooks (colored), living at No. 1327 Pearl street, was taken into custody yesterday for assault and battery on his mother. Irvin was put out of the house for some time, and conducted his part. He returned soon after, smashed in the door and beat his mother in a shameful manner. He was committed to prison.

CASUALTY.—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Thomas McSorley, aged twenty-three years, fell out of a grocer's wagon, at Dipont and Locust streets, and was seriously injured. He was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

HOVER'S PATENT SOFA BED. All old and young bachelors, as well as ladies who keep old maid's hall, are now buying HOVER'S CELEBRATED PATENT SOFA BED. This is the only Sofa Bed that can be taken apart to cleanse it the same as a bedstead. All others are unsafe and liable to get out of repair. To be had only of the manufacturer and owner. H. F. HOVER, No. 236 SOUTH SECOND STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

FOURTH EDITION. LATER FROM EUROPE. New Dominion Advertis. Ways of the West.

FROM EUROPE. Switzerland Neutrality. Berlin, Dec. 27.—Count Bismarck urges upon Switzerland a better observance of its obligations of neutrality. Liverpool Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 27.—The market for yarns and fabrics at Manchester is firm. Ship News. Brest, Dec. 26.—The steamship Perle, from New York, 14th arrived on Monday afternoon.

FROM THE DOMINION. Fire in Cornwall, Canada. Cornwall, Canada, Dec. 27.—The Cornwall woolen manufactory was burned this morning. The building during the past year was thoroughly stocked with the most improved machinery. The cause of the fire is unknown. Over two hundred persons are thrown out of employment. The loss is estimated at \$200,000; insurance, \$150,000. Large Fire at St. Thomas—Loss of Life. St. Thomas, Canada, Dec. 27.—A large fire occurred last evening, consuming two dry goods stores, three grocery stores, with several other buildings. Loss estimated at \$70,000 to \$80,000, mostly covered by insurance. Two men are missing, supposed to be buried under the ruins.

FROM NEW ENGLAND. Woollen Factory Burned. Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 27.—The woollen factory of Edson & Co., of Boston, located on Crook Pond, in West Haverhill, was burned this morning. Loss, \$100,000. In Charlestown—Four Men Injured. Boston, Dec. 27.—The stables of Charles Curtis, in Charlestown, were burned this morning. Several firemen were injured, but none dangerously.

FROM THE ISTHMUS. Ship News—The Hornet and the Cuban Yelous. Havana, Dec. 26.—Advices from Panama to December 21 have been received via Jamaica. The Cuban Yelous, Ryan arrived there on the 19th, and the steamship Ocean Queen from New York, with a large quantity of ammunition and arms intended for Cuba. A number of Cubans were expected to arrive from Havana as they were on the 19th, and fifty men with Ryan. A steamer expected to arrive from New York, the Hornet, to convey Ryan and his companions to Cuba had not yet arrived at Aspinwall.

FROM THE WEST. A Woman Burned to Death. St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Catherine Flynn, addicted to drink, was burned to death on Sunday while intoxicated. Mysterious Disappearance. W. J. Howard, from Nashville, Tenn., mysteriously disappeared from the Southern Hotel two or three days ago, and has not been heard from since.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The cotton quiet and weak; sales 1500 bales at 15 1/2c. Flour advanced 50c; sales 10,000 barrels state at \$5.25-5.50; Ohio at \$5.00-5.25; Western at \$4.75-5.00. Wheat advanced 1/2c; sales 50,000 bushels new spring at \$1.40-1.41; winter red and amber Western at \$1.46-1.48. Corn firm; new mixed Western at 75c. Oats shade firm; Ohio and Western at 50c-55c. Beans quiet; Pork firm; new mess, 42c; old, 41c-42c. Lard firm; steam, 11 1/2c-12c; kettle, 12 1/2c-13c. Whisky firm but quiet at 96c.

A MURDEROUS GANG—A SERIES OF CHARGES.—About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a party of young men, while passing Sixth and Middle streets, were attacked by a gang of ruffians, who freely used blackjacks and other deadly weapons. The police interfered and were driven off by the disorderly crowd. Being reinforced they returned to the scene, and with their clubs succeeded in dispersing the mob, and arresting three of the alleged ringleaders, named George Fletcher, Francis Isminger, and John Fitzsimmons. The prisoners had a hearing before Alderman Carpenter. Fletcher was committed in default of \$2000 bail for cutting John Reeling in the leg, thigh, and face with a knife; \$800 bail for cutting Policeman Kelly in the hand; \$800 bail for cutting John T. Watson, and \$800 bail for cutting Frank Gallen. The injuries of the parties named are not of a serious character. The remaining two were held for inciting to riot and using blackjacks, and Isminger was committed in default of \$1400 bail for inciting to riot and committing a deadly assault on Officer Ewing.

ROBBERIES.—On the night of the 23d of December the residence of Mr. James Price, at Twenty-second and Spruce streets, was entered by thieves and robbed of clothing to the value of \$300. Last night the store of Mr. D. V. Steinmetz, Nos. 7 and 9 N. Fifth street, was broken into by burglars, who carried off currency to the value of \$1000. In neither of the above cases were any arrests made.

AMUSEMENTS. (For additional Amusements see the Third Page.) CHESNUT STREET SKATING RINK, TWENTY-THIRD AND CHESNUT STS. Splendid Skating. Splendid Skating. WITH MUSIC, WITH MUSIC. ALL DAY AND EVENING. The undersigned respectfully announce to their friends and patrons, that the skating rink they have spared no pains or expense in refitting the rink. They have secured the services of the Liberty Silver Cornet Band, Mr. Benjamin K. McGilroy, and have secured the most complete and comfortable of their patrons. The management of the rink will be under their personal supervision, which will guarantee for a good, smooth skating surface. NOTICE THIS LOW SCALE OF PRICES. Season Tickets for Gentlemen..... \$5.00 Season Tickets for Ladies..... 4.00 Season Tickets for Children..... 2.00 CLUB DEDUCTIONS. For clubs of 10 or over a deduction of 10 per cent. will be made; 20 or over, 25 per cent. SINGE TICKETS. Single tickets, 75 cents; 1 for \$1, 5 for \$5, 10 for \$10, 20 for \$20, 50 for \$50, 100 for \$100. J. A. FAYNE & BRO. F. L. DAVENPORT'S CHESNUT STREET THEATRE. MR. AND MRS. W. J. FLORENCE, THIS EVENING, in the Thrilling Domestic Drama of the "TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN." Mr. W. J. FLORENCE, as "ATREY," the Heroine. Mr. W. J. FLORENCE, as "ATREY," the Heroine. Mr. Joseph E. Nagle, as "Hawthorn." Admission, 15, 25, 50, and 25 cents. Commence at 8 o'clock. Seats secured at Abel's Dramatic Repository, No. 1911 Chestnut street, from 9 until 10 o'clock. MR. WARNER'S GREAT GRAMPHON CIRCUS, TENTH and CALLOWHILL STREETS. IMMENSE SCALES OF SEATING. First appearance of VICTOR LEON, the Great California Gymnast; WILLIAM PORTER, the Philadelphia Favorite; Crown, and the Grand Circus Troupe. MATINEE EVERY AFTERNOON, this week at 5 o'clock. Evening Performance at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents. Children under 10, 15 cents. Reduced Seats, 10 cents. "K" EYESTONE SKATING PARK.—SPLENDID "K" RINK for Skating, on the KEYSTONE PARK, South THIRD and MORRIS STREETS. Good Music in attendance. Come try it! Open 8 o'clock. Evening Performance at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents. Single Admission, 15 cents, or five for \$1.00. T. M. CULLEN, Proprietor.